GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HIV POSITIVE CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `sore WB to monitor AIDS plan` appearing in the Indian Express, dated March 5, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the reasons for poor performance of AIDS control programmes;

(e) whether World Bank has decided to depute a team of experts in India for monitoring and effective implementation of AIDS Control programme;

(f) if so, the details in this regard; (g) the amount of WHO assistance for AIDS control provided to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra; and (h) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring proper blood testing facilities in various States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) The content of the article is not based on facts.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Nil.

(h) The Government has set up HIV testing facility in the microbiology departments in all medical college hospitals.Testing facility are being extended to all district hospitals in a phased manner.